(f) if so, the action taken/to be taken on each suggestion to improve public life and administration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (f) According to available information, All India Freedom Fighters Association and All India Freedom Fighters Successors Organisation organised a march to Parliament on April 27, 2000. They called upon the Government to take measures, *inter-alia,* for combating corruption and observing cleanliness in public life, bringing about economic/educational/electoral reforms, eradication of child labour, creating more employment opportunities in rural areas, giving protection to minority communities against atrocities, etc.

The "Agenda for a Proud, Prosperous India", which is the Central Government's policy documents, reaffirms its faith in the principles of Secularism, Social Justice, Probity and Socio-economic Equity. The President, in his address to Parliament on October 25, 1999, has already indicated what the Central Government proposes to do in this regard.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Insurgency in Kashmir

5484. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information on the profile and posture of Pakistani forces across the 740 km line of control and the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen;

(b) whether Government are also aware about the insurgency situation and the latest tactics adopted by Jehadi militants in Kashmir;

(c) whether a suicide car bomber had tried to run into the 15 Corps Headquarters at Budamibagh in Srinagar on 18th April, 2000;

(d) if so, whether the Director General Military Operations (DGMO) had briefed Government on the Kashmir developments on 20th April, 2000; and

(e) if so, the facts with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) Government are aware of the profile and posture of Pakistani forces across the Line of Control and the Actual Ground Position Line (Siachen).

Pakistani Army has also carried out certain troop readjustments on the Line of Control and some reserve formations have also been moved from their permanent locations closer to the Line of Control.

The Kargil misadventure by Pakistan resulted in a major defeat for that country, both on diplomatic and the military front. As a face saving measure, they have embarked upon a renewed campaign to step up militancy in J&K, to prove to the world that J&K continues to remain a "flash point" requiring intervention by the International community.

With the accession of Gen. Pervez Musharraf to the position of Chief Executive of Pakistan, Islamic fundamentalists have been given all the encouragement and support to step up terrorism in Kashmir in the name of "Jehad". This includes targetting of Police Personnel and Security Forces sympathisers, suicide attacks on Security Forces camps, minority killings and spreading terror through bomb attacks in public places. However, the Security Forces are adequately geared up to frustrate the designs of the terrorists.

A suicide bomber did attempt to enter the Badami Bagh Cantonment in Srinagar on 19 April, 2000. However, he could not succeed in his mission due to the alertness of the sentries and had to prematurely detonate the car bomb, thereby killing himself and injuring a few security personnel and civilians.

Briefings on developments take place from time to time. It would not be in public interest to divulge the details of such briefings.

Creation of Kalinga Regiment

5485. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government will consider to create the Kalinga regiment as there are regiments in the name of various States?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment on the basis of a particular class, creed, community, religion or region, but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.

Coir Products for Border Roads

5486. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: